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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

2           Joints for constructing a shear wall. The joints include a least  
3   an intermediate base joint, and a combination ceiling and floor joint.  
4   Each joint includes a bracket, a track wall, an optional base late, a  
5   stud, and at least two diagonal braces. The bracket is integrally formed  
6   with the shear wall, attached the shear wall to a substrate and prevents  
7   uplift of the shear wall. The bracket includes a base from which a pair  
8   of side walls upwardly extend. The track wall includes a base from which  
9   a pair of side walls upwardly extend, functions as sole and top plates,  
10   and sits attachingly in the bracket. The stud extends attachingly from  
11   the bracket. The optional base plate, when present, sits attachingly in  
12   the bracket and distributes load of the stud. The at least two diagonal  
13   braces extend attachingly diagonally outwardly from the pair of side walls  
14   of the bracket, respectively.